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10 use is made of an organyl alkali metal compound as anionic polymerization initiator, and of an organyl aluminum compound as retarder.
2. A process as claimed in claim 1, where sec-butyllithium is
15 used as anionic polymerization initiator.
3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, where triisobutylaluminum (TIBA) is used as retarder.
4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, where the
20 anionic polymerization is undertaken in the presence of an initiator composition which is obtainable by mixing sec-butyllithium and styrene, and then adding TIBA.
5. A process for preparing thermoplastic molding compositions
25 comprising
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